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EDUCATION LOTTERY ALERTS PLAYERS OF APPROACHING CLAIMS DEADLINE FOR EIGHT INSTANT SCRATCH-OFF GAMES

RALEIGH- The claims deadline is approaching for eight instant scratch-off games. In July, the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) officially announced the end of the eight instant scratch-off games listed below. The effective date for the ending games was Aug. 1, 2008 with a **final claims date of Oct. 30, 2008.**

In accordance with NCEL policy, all instant game prizes must be claimed by the end of the NCEL business day (5 p.m. EST) as posted by the NCEL, on or before the ninety (90) days is up for the announced end-of-game date. Therefore, all prizes associated with the games listed below **must be claimed on or before Oct. 30, 2008**. Claims of \$600 up to \$99,999 must be made at one of the five regional claim centers before 5 p.m. while claims of \$100,000 and above must be made at NCEL headquarters before 5 p.m.

Claims that are mailed to the NCEL must be <u>received</u> within 90 days of the official end of game date. Postmarks will not satisfy the 90-day requirement.

Game No.	Game Name	Date Introduced	Ticket Cost
053	Red Hot Bingo	April 17, 2007	\$3
060	Big Ol' Bucks	July 10, 2007	\$5
061	20 Grand	May 8, 2007	\$2
086	Triple Money Mania	Sept. 18, 2007	\$5
087	Holiday Cash	Nov. 6, 2007	\$1
089	Cash Blast	Dec. 4, 2007	\$5
099	Harley-Davidson	March 25, 2008	\$3
100	Speedway Riches	March 25, 2008	\$2

For more information, players should visit the official NCEL Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org, e-mail the NCEL at playerinfo@lotterync.net, or call the Player Hotline at (877) 962-7529.

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